harmful effects of soft cola drinks etc. and if so full details thereof and results of studies conducted abroad;

(b) whether Government have considered any Projects with overseas firms for setting up of soft drinks and other fast food, including health foods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Scientific Studies conducted on the possible effects of soft drinks have revealed that consumption of soft drinks conforming to prescribed standards under Prevention of Food Standards under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 are unlikely to cause any harmful effects.

(b) As per the information of Ministry of Industry, foreign collaboration proposals are considered as per policies laid down by the Government from time to time.

(c) The details of all approved foreign colaboration showing the names of Indian and Foreign firms, items of manufacture and nature of collaboration are published on a quarterly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Copies of this publication are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

Danger of additives in food preservations

2510. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious danger of preservatives, food colours, flavouring agents, flavour enhancers, acidifiers. alkalizers, emulsifiers, softners and other food additives used in our foods and if so, aproximate quantities and value thereof yearwise for last three years;

(b) whether Government have brought out any review or summary of dangers of additives to human health; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban TV/AIR advertisements of all foods containing any additives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, food additives like preservatives food colours, flavouring agents. flavour enhancers, acidifiers, emulsifiers etc. are permitted in specified food products within the safe limits keeping in view the technological necessity in the manufacture of food products. The quantity of food additives used in the country for last three years, is not available in this Ministry as record of production and use of food additives are not kept.

(b) Review of all the Food Additives allowed under the Rules is an ongoing process by experts. Periodical review is made by the Central Committee for Food Standards for taking appropriate measures.

(c) It is not considered necessary.

दिल्ली सर्किल में डाक व तार विभाग के विभागेत्तर कर्मचारी

2511. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली सर्किल में, मंडल-वार कार्य कर रहे विभागेत्तर कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है तथा आज की तारीख तक उनमें से प्रत्येक कर्मचारी द्वारा कितने वर्षों की सेवा पूरी कर ली गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पोस्टमैन संवर्ग में नियमन के लिए विभागीय परीक्षा में सिर्फ नियमित ग्रुप 'डी' कर्मचारियों/पैकरों को ही वरीयता दी